

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 1-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,496,475 of Ji et al. ("Ji").

Status of Claims

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. No claims have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ji. Applicant submits that claims 1-36 are patentable over the cited reference.

Ji discloses a BTS main controller including a channel resource allocator 230 and an overhead channel database 234. Channel resource allocator 240 searches in the database 234 (1) for a CDSP that does not have any channel element presently configured as an overhead channel (process step 410) and (2) to determine if the selected CDSP has an available traffic channel element that can be reconfigured as the failed overhead channel (process step 420). (Ji, col. 7, lines 65-66, col. 8, line 51-65; Figure 4). Database 234 stores the following information: sector identification, CDMA frequency, Channel Type, CDSP number, and Channel element number. (Ji, col. 9, lines 40-61). Such information

relates to physical device location parameters associated with the channels themselves.

Applicant submits that Ji does *not* disclose that database 234 stores information associated with the retrieval of an index to a location in a memory area of the database. In contrast, each of claims 1-36 recite "using the LCN as a first index to a location in a first memory area to retrieve a second index to a location in a second memory area." Therefore, applicant submits that claims 1-36 are patentable over Ji.

If the Examiner continues to purport that such is taught by Ji, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to more particularly point out where (e.g., element reference numbers and corresponding text) in the reference the Examiner believes such may be found. In particular, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to identify how Ji teaches the use of a LCN as an index to database 234 and, further, how such is used to retrieve a second index to a second location in database 234.

In conclusion, applicant respectfully submits that in view of the arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No.
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Respectfully submitted,

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